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RE: LD 618 -An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons.

As a licensed Maine Lobster fisherman I encourage a vote to prohibit the release or abandonment of balloons. I pick up one or two groups or individual balloons daily. As fisherman we are not allowed to throw our trash in to the sea. I adhere to this on my vessel and go beyond that and pick up other plastic or debris I see floating during my day. So that it may be disposed of properly. Balloons are one of the most common items or trash I see. Please consider banning the release of these items. Respectfully Ellen Bunker Matinicus Island